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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is our reply to your letter of June 4 in ré the French Episcopal Church in New York City, and the Cassville Methodist-Episcopal Church in Cassville, New Jersey.

The name of the church is The French Church du Saint Esprit. I am enclosing a short history of this church. Also enclosed is a copy of the title page of a history of the church which you could try to locate in a library where you live. Here is the name of the clergyman in charge of the church and the address and phone number.

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FRENCH CHURCH DU SAINT ESPRIT.

The "Eglise des Réfugiés Française à la Nouvelle York" was organized in 1687, and in 1804 became the present French Church du Saint Esprit. The first church was built in 1688, and others followed in 1704, 1834, and in 1860 the present edifice was provided. The rectors have been: Rev. Pierre Antoine Albert, 1804-1806; Rev. Henri Pénéveyre, 1813-1826; Rev. Antoine Vërren, 1828-1874; Rev. Leon Pons, 1874-1879; and Rev. Alfred Victor Wittmeyer, rector and incumbent since 1879. A rectory was purchased, but has not been occupied by any rector recently. There is no report of baptisms and confirmations. The present number of communicants is about 100. The wardens have been: in 1804,

S. Hugget and R. Harrison; in 1814, R. Harrison and G. C. Anthon; in 1824 and 1834, John Pintard and Thomas Hamersly; in 1844, Paul Garesche and John Grange; in 1854, Louis Loubrel and G. C. Verplank; in 1864, Juste Lanchantin and Thomas Guille; in 1874, J. P. Schlumpf and Thomas Verren; and in 1884, P. L. Lanoir and Charles Lichtenberg.

The congregation of the French Church of Saint Esprit had their church near the northeast corner of Nassau and Pine streets from 1704 to 1831. Their burial ground was to the rear of the church, extending north to Cedar Street.

<https://nycemetery.wordpress.com/2010/11/04/french-church-of-saint-esprit-graveyard/>

In February of 1831, the congregation sold the church building and property and moved to a new building at Church and Franklin Streets. The graves in the churchyard were removed, and the congregation had remains of those that had not been claimed by their families reinterred in a vault that they had purchased at the cemetery of St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery.

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